

Ruth Ann Sikora, Parent – Member of the IL Autism Task Force
Thursday, November 21, 2013

A number of program and policy questions.

1. How can the 1115 Waiver be structured to facilitate easy transitions to other programs should eligibility change?
2. What consistent policies and program features should be supported across 1115 so that they will meet the same goals and requirements established for organized systems of care for seniors and persons with disabilities? This may include creating a less hospital based program; creating a process for seamless enrollment between various programs; and, various financing options.
3. What are the possible 1115 expansion opportunities to new populations?
4. Under Administrative Structure, By “administrative structure,” we are referring to ways in which the States have arranged for oversight of a waiver or waivers within an array of agencies, offices, and other organizations. Program policies include those pertaining to eligibility, cost caps, service limits, and program monitoring and assessment.” how will the merging effect cost caps, service limits and continuity of services over time?

5. Prevision for: “8. Participant Participation on Governing and Advisory Boards:
As part of the Three-way Contract, CMS and the State shall require FIDA Plans to obtain Participant and community input on issues of program management and Participant care through a range of approaches.

The FIDA Plan must establish at least one Participant Advisory Committee (PAC) that meets quarterly and is open to all Participants. PAC members and the Participant Ombudsman will be invited to participate in the State’s ongoing stakeholder process. The FIDA Plan must also establish a process for that PAC to provide input to the FIDA Plan. The FIDA Plan must demonstrate that the Participant PAC composition reflects the diversity of the FIDA Demonstration Participant population, and participation of individuals with disabilities, including Participants, within the governance structure of the FIDA Plan.

FIDA Plans will also be encouraged to include Participant representation on their boards of directors. The State will maintain additional processes for ongoing stakeholder participation and public comment, as discussed in Appendix 7. “

6. Will VA benefits, services be considered given veterans who maybe accessing DHS-DRS, DMH, DOA?
7. Will previsions, access for alternative residential living arrangements be expanded for all populations under the global waiver, ie DD/MH

Assisted living services under this waiver which combines all long-term care programs, including long-term Medicaid nursing home care, under one capitated rate and is managed by a managed care organization. For more

Assisted Living Conversion Program (ALCP)

The Assisted Living Conversion Program (ALCP) is a conversion program

Section 232(B) (6) of the National Housing Act.

Section 202, Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program Section 202 housing was initiated by the Housing Act of 1959.

Section 232 and 232/223(f) Housing or Section 811 Housing
Waiver provisions for allowable, reimbursable services which include special recreation associations as alternatives for day programs.

Waiver provisions for allowable, reimbursable services on life coaches.

8. Provisions to ensure privacy and security of Participants health records and provide for access by Participants to such records. Provision required by all parties.
9. An Integrated appeals and grievances: Participants will have access to an integrated appeals and grievance process across global coverage.
10. Participants to be provided Waiver Manual describing all Waiver program, policies and access to resources.
11. Wellness: The benefit of alternative therapies, ie Chiropractic, Medical Acupuncture
12. Mental health: Life coaching, Ages & Stages, Social functioning
(Mind Blindness, Theory of Mind, Central Coherence)
13. Keep The Flexibility of the current HCBW intact.
14. Gaps at Institutes of Higher Learning: Beyond Accessibility
15. A better understand of assistive technology in individual plans. Tools for success, ie improved life functioning, Vocational applications, independence.
16. A need for Legislative oversight.